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# The Jolly Pinder of WAKEFIELD,



**I**n Wakefield there lyes a jolly Pinder,  
in Wakefield all on a green,  
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There is neither knight nor Squire said of Pinder  
nor Barron that is so bold,  
nor Barron that is so bold,  
Dare make a trespassse to the town of Wakefield  
but his pledge goes to the Pinfold,  
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All this he heard three wittie youngmen  
twas Robin Hood Scarlet and John, &c.  
With that they spyed the jolly Pinder  
as he sat under a Thorne, &c.  
Now turn again turn again said the Pinder  
for a wrong way have you gone, &c.  
For you have forsaken the King his high way  
and made a path over the Corn, &c.  
O that were great shame said jolly Robin  
we being three and thou but one, &c.  
The Pinder leapt back then thirty good foot,  
twas thirty good foot and one, &c.  
He leaped his back fast unto a Thorne,  
and his foot unto a stone, &c.  
And there he sought a long Summers day,  
a Summers day so long, &c.  
Till that their Swords on their broad Bucklers  
were broken fast unto their hanger, &c.

Hold thy hand hold thy hand said Robin Hood  
and my merry men every one, &c.  
For this is one of the best Pinders,  
that ever I try'd with Sword, &c.  
And wilt thou forsake thy Pinder his craft,  
and live in green wood with me, &c.  
At Michaelmas next my Cob'nant comes out,  
when every man gathers his ffe, &c.  
He take my blew Blade all in my hand,  
and plod to the Green wood with thee, &c.  
Hast thou either meat or drink said Robin Hood  
for my merry men and me, &c.  
I have both bread and beef said the Pinder,  
And good Ale of the best, &c.  
And that is meat good enough said Robin Hood  
for such unbidden guest, &c.  
O wilt thou forsake thy Pinder his craft  
And go to the green wood with me, &c.  
Thou shalt have a Litter twice in the year,  
the one green the other brown,  
the one green the other broken,  
If Michaelmas-day were once come and gone,  
And my Master had paid me my fee,  
And my Master had paid me my fee,  
Then would I set as little by him  
As my Master doth set by me  
As my Master doth set by me